



## Germany-UK Business-Government Forum

*Partners for Growth, Competitiveness & Resilience*

**Monday, 27th April 2026**

Haus der Deutschen Wirtschaft in Berlin, Breite Straße 29 (Mendelssohn Saal), 10178 Berlin

Master of Ceremonies/Gesamtmoderation: **Dr. Ulrich Hoppe**, Director General, German-British Chamber of Industry & Commerce

13:45 – 14:30	Registration
14:30 – 15:15	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr Helena Melnikov</b>, Chief Executive of the German Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DIHK)</li> <li>• <b>Sir Michael Arthur KCMG</b>, President of the German-British Chamber of Industry &amp; Commerce</li> <li>• <b>Tanja Gönner</b>, Chief Executive of the Federation of German Industries (BDI)</li> </ul> <p><b>Opening Speeches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Katherina Reiche</b>, Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy of Germany</li> <li>• <b>The Right Hon Peter Kyle MP</b>, Secretary of State for Business and Trade</li> </ul>
15:15 – 16:30	<p><b>Panel 1: UK and Germany: Driving European Security and Resilience</b></p> <p>Introductory remarks to the panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HE Susanne Baumann</b>, German Ambassador to the United Kingdom</li> </ul> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr Ben Schreer</b>, Executive Director, IISS-Europe; Director, Defence, Technology and Future Conflict</li> </ul>

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	Panel Discussion with German and British company representatives and a UK or German Government representative
16:30 – 17:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
17:00 – 18:15	<p><b>Panel 2: UK and Germany: Generating growth and innovation through industrial cooperation</b></p> <p>Introductory remarks to the panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HE Andrew Mitchell CMG</b>, British Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany</li> </ul> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rain Newton-Smith</b>, Director General of the Confederation of British Industry (CBI)</li> </ul> <p>Panel Discussion with German and British company representatives and a UK or German Government representative</p>
18:15 – 18.30	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr Volker Treier</b>, Chief Executive of Foreign Trade, Member of the Executive Board of the German Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DIHK)</li> <li>• <b>Shevaun Haviland CBE</b>, Director General of the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC)</li> </ul>

## Reception

18:30 – 19:00	Registration
19:00 – 21:00	Reception in the Foyer & Atrium of the Haus der Deutschen Wirtschaft

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